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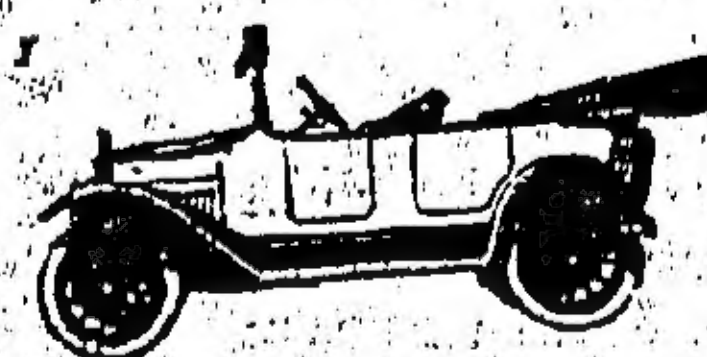
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THE GREAT BATTLE.

THE AMERICAN VICTORY.

NEW ATTACKS BY THE FRENCH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE AMERICANS AT ST. MIHIEL.

150 SQUARE MILES LIBERATED.

LONDON, Sept. 15.
An American official message says:—
On the St. Mihiel sector our advance units maintained touch with the enemy's forces and repulsed a counter-attack in the region of Jaulny.
We are now able to estimate the success obtained during the two previous days. The dash and vigour of our troops and of the valiant French divisions, with whom we fought shoulder to shoulder, is shown by the fact that the forces attacking on both faces of the salient effected a junction and secured the results decided within 27 hours.

GREAT HAUL OF WAR MATERIAL.

Besides liberating over 150 square miles of territory and taking 15,000 prisoners, we captured a mass of material. Also over 100 guns, of all calibres, and hundreds of machine-guns and trench-mortars were taken. Despite the enemy having buried, during his retreat, large stores, a partial examination of the battlefield shows that great quantities of ammunition, telegraph and railroad material, rolling stock, clothing and equipment were abandoned.
Further evidence of the haste, with which the enemy treated his retreat, is the uninjured bridges left behind. The French pursuit by bombing and reconnaissance units, also British and Italian bombing units, divided with our Air Service control of the air and contributed materially to the success of the operation.

VICTORS ENTER ST. MIHIEL.

THE JOY OF THE INHABITANTS.

LONDON, Sept. 14.
Reuter's Correspondent at American Headquarters, telegraphing on the 13th at 10 p.m., says:—
General Pershing, General Petain and Mr. Baker, the American Secretary of War, entered St. Mihiel this afternoon. The Germans had not time to evacuate the inhabitants, but had previously deported all boys of from 10 to 15. They had forced the old people to work. As for the rest, the least said the better. What a relief it was from all those years of oppression could be judged from the transports of joy with which the Americans were greeted. It was the same in all other towns and villages.

THE KING'S CONGRATULATIONS.

LONDON, Sept. 15.
The King has telegraphed to President Wilson the following message:—
On behalf of the British Empire, I heartily congratulate you on the brilliant achievement of the American and Allied troops under the leadership of General Pershing in the St. Mihiel salient. The far-reaching results of these successful operations, which have marked the active intervention of the American Army on a great scale, under its own administration, are the happiest augury for a complete, and I hope, not far distant triumph of the Allied cause.

AERIAL ACTIVITIES.

LONDON, Sept. 14.
Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, reporting on aviation, states:—
The weather again interfered with air work.
Yesterday ten tons of bombs were dropped.
We brought down three enemy machines and drove down two out of control.
No British machines were missing.

NEW FRENCH ATTACKS.

PROGRESS ALONG THREE LINES.

LONDON, Sept. 14.
The French launched a new attack at 3 o'clock this morning on both sides of the Ailette and between the Aisne and the Vesle.
The attack towards Coucy Forest at the south end of St. Gobain is progressing satisfactorily.
South of the Ailette the French captured Mont-des-Aigues and the villages of Allennes-et-Sancy and are on the edge of Villy.
On the Aisne the advance has been between a mile and two miles on an eleven-mile front. One Division took a thousand prisoners, making a total of 1,800 on that front.
The enemy's reactions were apparently very weak although the front line is strongly held. Prisoners say they were ordered to hold on at all costs.

South of the Aisne progress also is satisfactory. The number of prisoners taken here is unknown. The advance threatens to turn the west flank of Chemin-des-Dames and endangers Leon.
The inside of the St. Mihiel pocket has not yet been cleared up. More guns are expected to be found.

8.55 p.m.
A French communiqué states:—
There is nothing to report.

THE BRITISH FRONT.

LATEST REPORTS FROM SIR DOUGLAS HAIG.

ENEMY ATTACKS DEFEATED.

LONDON, Sept. 14.
Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—
The number of prisoners taken by us in the operations carried out by the Third Army with complete success in the Trescault-Havrincourt sector on the 12th inst. exceeds 1,500.
As a result of the progress made by us yesterday north-westward of St. Quentin, our line has been established eastward of Bebecourt and Jeumont.

During the past twenty-four hours the enemy has made several determined but unsuccessful attempts to recover positions recently captured by us in the neighbourhood of Gouzeaucourt and Havrincourt. Yesterday a strong hostile attack in which the enemy employed flammeur was repulsed with heavy loss southward of Gouzeaucourt.
At Havrincourt the enemy attacked yesterday morning in force under cover of a heavy artillery bombardment, and penetrated the eastern portion of the village. After hard fighting the attacking German infantry were driven out and our positions restored.

Northward of Havrincourt we advanced slightly between the village and the canal.
In the evening the enemy attacked eastward of Trescault and gained footing in our trenches, but was driven out immediately, leaving a number of dead in front of our line.
During the night a strong bombing attack in which liquid fire was employed was made against our positions north-westward of Gouzeaucourt. After forcing our advanced posts to withdraw, this attack also was successfully beaten off.
There was local fighting yesterday in the Moeuvres sector without material change in the situation. An enemy attack at night southward of Moeuvres was repulsed. We established our new posts during the night along the west bank of the Canal-du-Nord, in the neighbourhood of Sauxy and Couilly, and opposed O'sy-le-Vet.

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THE WAR.

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SUNDAY'S TELEGRAMS.

THE AMERICAN FRONT.

SUCCESSFUL RAID IN LORRAINE.

ENEMY LINES PENETRATED.

Paris, Sept. 13.

The Americans made a series of successful raids in Lorraine and the Vosges during the past 24 hours, penetrating the enemy lines at numerous points, inflicting heavy losses and destroying block-houses, machine-gun nests and ammunition dumps.

ST. MIHIEL SALIENT OUT-FLANKED.

12,000 PRISONERS CAPTURED.

LATER.

The Americans have completely out-flanked the St. Mihiel salient. The prisoners have reached 12,000. The railways from Verdun to Commercy and Toul to Nancy are now open to our traffic.

THE IMPORTANCE OF ST. MIHIEL.

ESSENTIAL LINK IN VERDUN TOWEL CHAIN OF FORTS.

LONDON, Sept. 13.

Correspondents state that General Pershing commanded the First American Army, including a number of French troops, which attacked the famous St. Mihiel salient that the Germans formed in September 1917. The sides of the wedge are 20 miles long and its base 30 miles. St. Mihiel itself is only 30 miles from Metz and 20 from Briey, with its great iron ore mines.

The French on various occasions slightly pushed back the Germans, except at the apex, but the enemy positions here, after four years' occupation, are among the strongest on the front.

St. Mihiel was an essential link in the Verdun-Toul chain of forts. Yesterday's operations have already imperilled the German forces in the salient, severing the railway from Metz, whereby they were supplied.

Over a hundred tanks, manned by Americans, aided the smashing of the congested enemy line, which was crossed behind a dense smoke screen. The concentration of air forces is described as the biggest so far seen on the Western Front. Four hours after the attack was launched, no German plane was reported visible.

American observers and bombers worked unopposed, escorted by chase planes. The country was difficult, high ridges and thick woods offering concealment for machine-gun nests, but the German resistance was slight. The enemy main forces had apparently withdrawn to the second line.

The correspondents emphasize that the objective of the attack is strictly limited. The French operated between two American forces and seized the western outskirts of St. Mihiel.

A DAY OF BIG IMPORTANCE.

AIMS OF AMERICAN OFFENSIVE.

PARIS, Sept. 13.

A day of big importance was the twelfth of September, when the First American Army went into action for the first time. The Germans offered resistance to the advancing Americans and withdrew to the second line, pursued by tanks.

The Germans will likely retreat from the bulge of St. Mihiel. The aim of the offensive is Briey and Longwy, the chief towns of the greatest French iron districts, producing three-fifths of the normal French output. French troops co-operated in the new offensive.

Nearer St. Quentin the British and French progressed and more of the Hindenburg Line has been taken.

ATTACK PRECEDED BY TREMENDOUS ARTILLERY PREPARATION.

LONDON, Sept. 13.

The Daily Chronicle's correspondent with the American Army states that the feature of the attack on the St. Mihiel salient was the tremendous artillery preparation, which began at one o'clock in the morning and filled the valleys of the Meuse for four hours. The gunfire attained remarkable accuracy and when the Germans attempted to reply it took the American gunners precisely 35 minutes to silence the counter-fire.

The infantry, owing to the slight German resistance in the first line swept toward the second enemy positions ahead of schedule, but here sharp encounters ensued, delaying but not daunting the Americans, who valorously pushed northwards.

AMERICANS CAPTURE BENNY, VIGNOUILLES, ETC.

3,500 PRISONERS AND 60 GUNS.

LONDON, Sept. 13.

The American attack on the south of the St. Mihiel salient was made on a front of fourteen miles and they advanced eight miles.

The attacks on the west of the salient, where the country is much more difficult, and resistance more serious, was on a front of 12 miles and they advanced 3 miles.

The Americans have so far taken 3,500 prisoners and captured 60 guns.

It is reported that they have captured Benny, Bois-de-Thencourt, Vignouilles and Houdicourt, which would mean that the neck of the salient is now less than 6 miles.

The enemy is blowing up dumps at Hattonville and Domtous, both of which are outside the bottle.

ST. MIHIEL UNDAMAGED.

RAILWAYS CAPTURED WILL PROVE OF GREAT HELP.

PARIS, Sept. 13.

Swiss frontier reports mention unusual activity in upper Alsace. The enemy's claim that he foresaw and prepared for the attack on St. Mihiel is ridiculous in view of the numbers already taken prisoner and the large numbers still coming in, also in view of the fact that the town of St. Mihiel is practically undamaged, while the railways mentioned in an earlier message are all intact, ready for immediate use. They will prove a great help to the Allies.

AN ENEMY REPORT.

THE "EVACUATION" OF THE ST. MIHIEL SALIENT.

LONDON, Sept. 13.

A wireless German official report states:—

The enemy captured Havrincourt. Fresh enemy attacks between Moeuvres and Gouzeaucourt were repulsed.

In anticipation of an attack, the evacuation of the St. Mihiel salient, which has been under consideration for years, was commenced a few days ago.

The French, advancing to the heights east of Mous, were repulsed. We temporarily lost the Combrès height, but it was re-captured by the Landwehr.

The Austro-Hungarians south of Combrès, by strong resistance, assured the retreat of the Divisions at St. Mihiel.

The enemy gained ground at Thiaucourt. The evacuation of the salient was completed at night, undisturbed.

THE BRITISH FRONT

ENEMY ATTACK NEW POSITIONS ACQUIRED.

FURTHER PROGRESS REGISTERED.

LONDON, Sept. 13.

English troops on Thursday took possession of Holmea Wood, expelling the enemy from localities in which he resisted.

Our line farther north was advanced east of the village of Jeancourt, which is in our hands.

During the evening strong forces, assisted by low-flying aeroplanes, attacked our new positions at Havrincourt but were repulsed with great loss.

Opposite Moeuvres enemy infantry, assembling for a counter-attack, were subjected to heavy and accurate artillery fire, and the attack which developed subsequently was completely unsuccessful, the few Germans reaching our positions being killed or taken prisoner.

We progressed during the night west of Auchy-lez-Lo Basses.

STIFFER GERMAN RESISTANCE.

SHARPER FIGHTING ON THE SCARPE.

LONDON, Sept. 13.

Reuter's Correspondent at British Headquarters, telegraphing to-day, says:—

In yesterday's operation at Havrincourt, we penetrated both front and support trenches of the Hindenburg system. It was a day of small bitter fights, the troops being often ankle-deep in water and half blinded by the wind and rain.

The Germans came back several times and forced some New Zealand outposts near Gouzeaucourt to withdraw from their gains of the morning, but our men fought with irresistible doggedness.

We advanced our line north of Verdun, the enemy heavily but unsuccessfully counter-attacking. We occupied Enlon and St. Quentin woods. Sharp fighting occurred astride the Scarpe, particularly in the region of Naville and Ailette.

The Germans seem to have shown a tendency to stiffer resistance yesterday, but suffered heavy casualties in all sectors.

The enemy counter-attacked in the evening of the 12th, east of Moeuvres, where there was a considerable concentration of infantry, but a mere handful reached our new line where they were dealt with.

We occupied several vantage points in Flanders. The weather has much improved.

CHRONIC DIARRHOEA.

ARE you subject to attacks of diarrhoea? Keep absolutely quiet for a few days, rest in bed if possible, eat of your diet and take Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy. This medicine has cured cases of chronic diarrhoea that physicians have failed to cure. It will cure yours. For sale by all Chemists and Druggists.

THE SOMME BATTLES.

THE BRITISH SHARE IN THE FIGHTS.

LONDON, Sept. 13.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, in a supplementary despatch, states:—

In the series of successful battles on the Somme front beginning on August 8th the English, Scottish and Welsh Divisions took an important share in the fighting, and performed many gallant actions. Most of these Divisions have been advancing over the same ground on which they met and ultimately checked the enemy's great offensive in March.

During the past few weeks they have shown without exception that the tremendous strain sustained earlier in the year with so much courage and resolution had in no wise diminished their splendid fighting spirit. For example, the Guards Division which in March and April at Royelles, Soisy, and Beaulieu maintained the northern pivot of our defence, attacked on August 22nd and captured Moyenneville, Hummelcourt, and also St. Leger on the 24th.

Sir Douglas Haig mentions the gallant exploits of some 20 other Divisions including the Fourth, which broke the enemy's attack on the north bank of the Scarpe on March 28th, and in face of a strong resistance, on September 2nd, carried the defences of the Douaumont-Queant line.

The Thirty-Second Division, after heavy fighting at Dammy on August 10th and 11th, captured Heuleville on August 22nd. German divisions on August 27th and successfully advanced across the Somme.

Field-Marshal Haig states that in his account, the doings of these different English, Scottish and Welsh Divisions are necessarily brief and incomplete, and he concludes:—

"On the same battlefields on which they withstood the heaviest assault the British Army ever faced, all have fought side by side with the splendid divisions from Australia, Canada and New Zealand with a courage, gallantry and enterprise only equalled by their success."

HOW HAVRINCOURT WAS TAKEN.

LONDON, Sept. 12.

Reuter's Correspondent at British Headquarters, telegraphing this evening, says:—

This morning's attack east of Havrincourt was designed to clear out the irritating enemy nests and to generally improve the line along the series of spurs in the region of Gouzeaucourt, but something more was accomplished, Havrincourt being captured and also the important ridge and village of Trevaucourt, on the fringe of one of the trench systems. About 300 prisoners were taken.

Although artillery firing has increased considerably in this part of the front, unquestionably the Germans are beginning to feel a shortage in ammunition.

The weather continues very wild.

FRENCH TAKE SAYV.

RAIDS IN VERDUN REGION REPULSED.

LONDON, Sept. 13.

A French communiqué states:— West of St. Quentin we occupied the village of Sayv.

An important enemy raid north-east of Mesnil-les-Huiles in Champagne was repulsed.

We made several raids in the region of Verdun and took prisoners. The American attack in the region of St. Mihiel continues successfully.

THE GERMAN ARMY.

ALARMING INCREASE OF DESERTIONS.

INDISCIPLINE AND DISAFFECTION.

LONDON, Sept. 13.

Reuter's Correspondent at British Headquarters, telegraphing this evening, says:—

The Germans are being steadily driven from all the ground where rearguards might prolong their resistance in the old defensive works. The First Guards Reserve Division, much depleted, has been identified in the Moeuvres sector.

Austrian artillery has been in action astride the Havrincourt-Queant road. Three battalions of one regiment of the 87th Division, consisting of one company apiece with an average strength of barely 100 men, and indisposed are growing alarmingly in the German Army. The desertions are increasing.

FRESH ENEMY PEACE TERMS.

CONDITIONS ENUMERATED BY VON PAYER.

THE COLONIES TO BE RETURNED.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 13.

Speaking at Stuttgart Dr. von Payer, the Vice-Chancellor, outlined the German peace terms. He declared that Germany could not hand over Poland again to Russia, and could not assist in placing Finland again under the Russian yoke.

Germany could not allow the States on the German frontier and Baltic to be again subjected against their will to Russian Tsarism or thrown into civil war and anarchy.

Germany would not submit to the Entente her peace treaties with Ukraine, Russia and Rumania. Apart from this the territorial possessions existing before the war could everywhere be restored.

A preliminary condition for Germany and her allies was the restoration of all territory they possessed on August 1st, 1914. Germany must, therefore, firstly receive back her colonies. In regard to which the idea of exchange on the grounds of expediency need not be excluded.

"The Germans, as soon as peace was concluded, could evacuate the occupied regions.

They could restore Belgium. If Germany and her allies again possessed what belonged to them and if Germany was sure that in Belgium no other State would be more favourably placed than she, then Belgium could be restored without encumbrance and without reserve.

"AN INNOCENT AND ATTACKED PARTY."

The Vice-Chancellor said that Germany was deeply convinced that as an innocent and attacked party she was entitled to indemnification, but the prosecution of the war to that point would cost her such heavy sacrifices, irreplaceable by money, that she preferred, on calm reflection, despite her favourable military situation, to abandon this idea, quite apart from the fact that the forcible bringing of compensation would inevitably jeopardise future peace.

ARBITRATION AND DISARMAMENT.

The Vice-Chancellor declared that Germany was ready to collaborate as regards a League of Nations, arbitration and disarmament. Germany desired disarmament, on the basis of complete reciprocity, to be applied not merely to armies but navies.

Germany would demand the freedom of the seas and sea routes also an open door in all overseas possessions and protection of private property at sea.

"We laugh at the idea that we should penitently ask for mercy, we are admitted to peace negotiations. We laugh at the fools who babble of revenge. A peace by understanding will bring nothing humiliating for us, nor any period of misery and wretchedness. It would be an illusion to entertain the will to peace in those circles among our enemies which are responsible for the opening and the continuation of hostilities. They cannot admit to their countrymen that their aims are unattainable and their sacrifices vain, but others among those peoples will think differently. Moreover, those others will prevail, soon or late. Until then there remains for us nothing but to defend our lives."

PRUSSIAN SUFFRAGE BILL.

Referring to the Prussian Suffrage Bill, the Vice-Chancellor declared that the confidence of the people not merely in the Prussian but the Imperial Government more or less depended on the decision in the question. Further postponement of the decision was not permissible however seriously a dissolution and new elections in war time might be regarded. Moreover, he believed that the Prussian Government had already decided on a dissolution if the Upper House did not agree to equal suffrage.

KAISER APOSTLE OF PEACE.

INDICATION OF DISTRESSING CONDITIONS IN GERMANY.

PARIS, Sept. 13.

The Kaiser made a long speech during a visit to Essen. He once more posed as the Apostle of Peace, trying to throw the onus for

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Income Tax results in the
Strait Settlements show \$1,300,000.

The O. S. K. steamer s.s. *Kajio*
will sail for Keelung via Swatow
and Amoy to-morrow (Tuesday) the
17th inst. at 4 p.m. instead of at noon
on Wednesday the 18th inst.

We learn that as a result of the
fracas at Macao, reported in Saturday's
China Mail, a Chinese mob has been
endeavouring to stop the water supply
which Macao draws from beyond the
frontier.

Vicente Sotto, the Filipino attorney
who figured prominently as a defendant
in the Hongkong Courts in extradition
proceedings about seven years ago has
been perpetually disbarred in the
Philippines from practising law.

According to a Manila paper a
great fire occurred in Tacloban, Leyte,
recently in which property valued at
more than P1,500,000 was lost. Caliste
Barreto, described as a Chinese mer-
chant, alone having lost lamp and real
property valued at more than P1,000,000.

Shippers will be interested to
learn that on or about 5th October the
Quarantine Upper Buoy, marking the
upper limit of the Quarantine Anchorage
and the northern side of the channel,
approaches to the Whangpoo, Yangtze
River, will be permanently discontinued.

A somewhat lengthy inquiry has
been heard regarding the death of Mr.
J. W. C. Ellis, acting Deputy Controller
of Labour, in the Federated Malay
States.—The magistrate's finding was
that the cause of death "was a gunshot
wound, self-inflicted, and that at the
time of the act the deceased was of
unbalanced mind. What broke him
down was anxiety and strain experi-
enced over the Hosco Commission. He
felt strongly that he was not treated
fairly by the Government. As to whether
he had real ground for complaining
of unfair treatment, the magistrate
expressed no opinion, considering those
questions outside his province.

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THE SUPREME COURT.

THE PARTNERSHIP ISSUE.

VERDICT FOR PLAINTIFF.

In the Supreme Court, this morning,
before Sir William Roca Davis, K.C.,
Chief Justice, the hearing of the case
was resumed in which application was
made by Li Man Kai and the Wo Loong
Firm for a decision of the Court as to
whether one Chan U Man was a partner
in the Kwong Cheung Hing Firm.

Mr. F. C. Jenkins, Counsel for
defendant, reviewed the evidence taken
on Thursday last, which culminated in
an offer on the part of Fung Yuk Nam
to go to the Mam Mo Temple and out
of a cock's head, which challenge was
accepted by the chief witness for the
plaintiff, Hiu Chik Wa, and the defend-
ant Chan U Man. Counsel related how
the parties concerned repaired to the
Temple but at the eleventh hour the
defendant refused to perform the
ceremony until plaintiff had first com-
pleted his obligation, and consequently
the ceremony was abandoned. On
those grounds, Mr. Jenkins argued that
the Court should order that Fung Yuk
Nam and Chan U Man should perform
the ceremony, both having agreed to do
so, in order that Hiu Chik Wa should
not be able to bluff by insisting that
defendant should first perform the
ceremony. If that course was adopted,
it would leave no doubt as to whether
the plaintiff, would, at the last minute,
refuse to take the oath.

Mr. Alabaster replied to the effect
that the defendant had committed
forgery and perjury and the onus was
upon him to perform the ceremony first.
His Lordship then requested Counsel
to adjourn to Chambers.

Upon resuming, His Lordship said he
was of opinion, having regard to the
fact that the defendant is not willing to
comply with the consent which he gave,
that that point was wiped out altogether.
That being so, he had to decide the case,
so to speak, on the evidence of the
witnesses. His Lordship said that he
had the greatest doubt in believing
the story of the defendant, that he was
acting on behalf of his sister. The
sister was not called. He also had
grave doubts as to whether the words
on the resolution were included at the
time the document was signed. His
Lordship further referred to the point
that the defendant had denied he had a
Tong name. All respectable Chinamen,
according to his experience in the Hong
kong Courts, for the last ten years, had
a Tong name.

His Lordship then gave a verdict for
the plaintiff on the issue with costs.
Mr. Alabaster asked for an order for
immediate execution which however,
was not granted.

The second application that on behalf
of the Wo Loong Firm, which involved
the same issue was then proceeded with.
Mr. Jenkins, after consultation with his
client, stated that he realised the position
and consented to judgment as in the first
issue.

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THE WAR IN SIBERIA.

THE CZECH COMMANDER.

APPRECIATION OF GENERAL
GAIDA.

General Horvath, Colonel Semanoff,
General Dietrichs, General Paris,
General Ruzh, Dr. Gira and also the
British, French and Japanese Military
attachees are among the persons who
have arrived or are on their way here
for a conference which General Gaida,
the Czech Commander, said he had
called especially to explain conditions
in the Chinese Eastern Railway ter-
ritory.

General Gaida was made a general
on 1st September by the Czech Na-
tional Council in Russia, at present at
Ekaterinburg. His staff is composed
of Czech and Russian officers who are
all full of admiration for his soldierly
and heroic leader. A strict disciplin-
arian, his first demand of officers, many
of whom are offering for service, is
that they shall abandon all politics
and devote their energies to their
Austrian and German enemies.

General Gaida has especially em-
phasized the admirable conduct of the
Russian soldiers fighting heroically
beside the Czechs. There is no in-
tention with the Russian troops, who at
first consisted of ex-officers but, as the
Czech-Russian force progressed east-
ward, former soldiers were enrolled
until the present nucleus was formed.
General Gaida is confident that he can
build up into a substantial fighting force.
General Gaida has placed all towns
under martial law and re-established
the original military departments,
where a Russian commandant is
managing the recruiting and forming
units.

The Russian troops east of the
Urals are commanded by Colonel
Peppeloff who is twenty-seven years of
age and has repeatedly distinguished
himself lately.

Colonel Semanoff has been given the
post of Commander of the Russian
troops east of the River Onon,
including the Vladivostok region, and
the mobilization of the 1917 and 1918
Classes will be ordered in his territory.

Dr. Tensler and Dr. Tucker, of the
American Red Cross, have arrived.
Dr. Tensler is receiving the appoint-
ment of Chief of the Czech Medical
Services.

General Gaida urges the need for
extensive medical and material
assistance. The entire force needs
fitting out for the winter.

Bishop Tucker's investigation shows
that the refugees returning to their
homes in Trans-Baikal are destitute,
through Bolshevik destruction of their
possessions, and he is formulating an
extensive programme to meet the
winter. A similar situation exists
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TELEGRAMS.

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BRITISH PUSHING FORWARD.

LONDON, Sept. 14. Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—
We successfully repulsed a mid on the Gommersbach sector.
We pushed forward on the Havrincourt sector and established new posts in the trench-lines eastward and northward of the village. There was local fighting inside the La Basses Canal where we progressed, taking prisoners.
There was a hostile gas-shelling in the neighbourhood of Neuve Chapelle where we drove off an attempted raid.

AIR MINISTRY'S REPORT.

LONDON, Sept. 14. The Air Ministry reports:—
In conjunction with the American attack, in addition to the bombing operations reported yesterday, we dropped a ton of bombs on railways at Arras and Metz and shot down two hostile machines. We attacked the railway at Cambrai at night-time and bombed, on Saturday, the railways at Metz and Elnang and also the Buhl aerodrome, securing good results. A total of six-and-a-half tons of bombs was dropped.
One British machine is missing.

GERMAN REPORT.

LONDON, Sept. 14. A German official report by wireless says:—
Our advances and enemy advances led to violent fighting at Menen and Havrincourt.
Enemy attacks between the Aisne and the Aisne failed.
The enemy felt his way forward eastward of Cambrai and north-westward of Thiaucourt.

THE BALKANS

LONDON, Sept. 14. A Bulgarian communiqué states:—
We repulsed a British attack near the village of Schavi south of Ghevgeli, after hand-to-hand fighting.

THE ALLIED TROOPS ON MURMAN COAST.

GERMAN EFFORTS TO GET THEM WITHDRAWN.

Stockholm, Sept. 14. The German Legation at Helsinki has declared to the Finnish Government that German troops will not enter the province of Karelia if Great Britain and the other Entente Powers bind themselves to withdraw from Karelia and the Murman Coast within a period to be fixed.

THE MURDER OF GENERAL BRUSILOFF.

LONDON, Sept. 14. Reports received both via Sweden and Germany tend to confirm the recent rumour that General Brusiloff was shot dead by Bolsheviks at Moscow.

FRENCH COMMENT ON ST. MIHIEL VICTORY.

PARIS, Sept. 15. There is enthusiastic comment in the French Press on the swift and powerful blow on the St. Mihiel salient with its powerful, defensive observation position. The American Army is described as the worthy inheritor of the traditions of Grant and Lee.

The British continue to bite the German salient around La Bassée and more progress has been made towards St. Quentin.

Concerning the efforts of German propaganda by the Kaiser, Field-Marshal Hindenburg, Count Hertling and Herr Payer, the French Press regards the moral consequences of the military situation as incalculable. The reverse cannot be kept from the knowledge of the German nation. German prisoners make no efforts to conceal their satisfaction at being taken.—Havas.

GERMAN OFFENCES AGAINST THE LAWS OF WAR.

PARIS, Sept. 15. The French Government intends appointing an Allied Commission to investigate German offences against the laws of war on the Western Front.
There is enthusiastic support for a proposal for retaliation against German towns which should be razed to the ground for each French or Belgian town destroyed.—Havas.

GERMANY ECONOMICALLY SINKING.

A GERMAN TRADES UNION DEPUTATION.

REMARKABLE STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 14. The Berlin Tageblatt contains a report of remarkable proceedings of a Trade Union Deputation to Count Hertling on September 12th.
The spokesman said the people had become seriously discouraged over the recent events and they felt they were economically sinking. Food continued to be had and dangerously insufficient and prices exorbitant. Consequently, the bodily strength of the workers is declining. They must have more meat and potatoes. Workmen's trousers which used to cost four marks now cost sixty marks and lasted only a quarter the time and were unobtainable. The people's anger over the Prussian suffrage question had reached boiling point and the military censorship and martial law lay heavy on the Trade Unions. He urged that now that the "exhaustion" of our enemies had begun and a break through had failed it was time for peace by understanding.

Count Hertling assured them that the political leaders and the High Command were striving for such a peace and magnanimously opposed conquest. As regards equal suffrage, he repeated the promise that if the Upper House did not agree to it the Lower House would be dissolved.

Dr. von Wiedemann, Secretary of the Ministry of Food Supplies, said it was impossible to get more food, and meatless days must continue in order to insure the milk and fat supply. The potato crop is worse than that of last year and the corn crop is only 14 per cent better.

Rudolf von Stein, the Secretary of State, stated that substitutes for clothing must be utilized.
Colonel von Braun, of the War Office, promised to examine the question of shortening the working hours but this was impossible in the mines.

THE SILVER MARKET.

LONDON, Sept. 14. The Silver Market is quiet.

WAR ALLOWANCE FOR GOVERNMENT SERVANTS.

A circular has been issued to all Government subordinate officers in the Malay States intimating that His Excellency the High Commissioner has sanctioned with effect from July 1, 1918, the increase to 20 per cent of the allowance of 15 per cent, now paid, to officers on salaries less than \$25 per mensem, provided that the allowance shall in no case exceed \$3.75 per mensem.

His Excellency has similarly sanctioned with effect from July 1, 1918, the increase to 15 per cent of the allowance of 10 per cent, paid under the authority of G.S.O. Circular No. 10 of 1917 to their salaries, exclusive of duty allowance, to officers on salaries (including duty allowance) ranging from \$300 to \$400 per annum, provided that in no case shall the total emoluments of the officer, including duty allowance and the temporary allowance, exceed \$400 per annum. The allowance will be granted during the period of the war and for six months after, provided that the High Commissioner is of opinion that the conditions during that period continue to justify the additional allowance.

A comment published on this announcement reads:—Why should one section alone be benefited and not the other? As relief has been granted to officers drawing up to \$400 only it would be but fair if the others who are drawing above this amount are allowed a war allowance up to \$400 per annum of their salary and no more. There will then not be the heart-burning there is at present.

MALAYAN COLLIERIES.

At the meeting of Malayan Collieries at Kuala Lumpur, Mr. J. A. Russell presided and said that there was no lack of demand for Malayan coal, but the output was stationary owing to lack of labour and plant. He referred to the charges of profiteering and quoted figures in refutation. He predicted that the Collieries after the war would retain the whole of the F.M.S. coal trade and capture a great part of the Colonial requirements. The dividend of \$1 per cent, was paid and \$100,000 placed to general reserve.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE GREAT BATTLE.

THE ATTACK ON ST. MIHIEL.

A COMPLETE SUCCESS.

LONDON, Sept. 13. Reuters Correspondent at American Headquarters, telegraphing on the evening of the 12th, says:—
The St. Mihiel salient, created by the Germans at considerable cost, is in a fair way to being eliminated. As far as the operations have gone, a more complete success could hardly have been obtained, the double objectives laid down for the day's advance being reached well in advance of the expected hour.

The evidence of prisoners confirms the belief that a general retirement to the Hindenburg line is contemplated, but if that is his intention the enemy has lost a surprising number of men in carrying it out.
The attack was timed from the southern side as five o'clock in the morning. After a four hours bombardment, the troops started in mist and rain, and heavy rainstorms occurred at intervals, making the progress of heavy guns and transport difficult. Though the weather is most inconvenient, it is unlikely to influence the complete execution of the objective of the present operations, which are of an extremely limited nature. For twelve miles the main southern attack extended eastward, past Mont Sec, a great natural fortress 1,200 feet high dominating this section, practically to Pont-a-Mousson.

The Germans are busy getting their guns away after the bombardment. They offered the weakest support to the infantry.
Our aeroplanes did splendid work swooping down on retreating infantry, driving every German plane from the air and bringing down in flames several balloons. A good deal of our fire was directed at Thiaucourt, the first important town in the advance. A tremendous explosion was observed there and the town was in flames shortly after.

ALL OBJECTIVES ATTAINED.

LONDON, Sept. 13. It is expected that the present total of prisoners taken at St. Mihiel will be largely increased.

The line runs from Pagny on the Moselle (in enemy hands), thence in a straight line eastwards to Hattonville, along the foot of the Meuse heights. Our line is consequently shortened from 40 to under 20 miles. The operation was a purely local one and has been most successful. All the objectives were attained. The enemy left a good railway from Thiaucourt to St. Mihiel in our hands and most of the villages captured were undamaged.

AMERICANS SECURE FURTHER SUCCESSES.

LONDON, Sept. 14. An American official message states:—

In the St. Mihiel sector we have achieved further successes. The junction of our troops advancing from the south of the sector with those advancing from the west has given us possession of the whole salient to points twelve miles north-eastward of St. Mihiel and has resulted in the capture of many prisoners.
Forced back by our steady advance, the enemy is retreating and destroying large quantities of materials as he goes. The number of prisoners taken by us has risen to 13,300.

Our line now includes Harbouville, Thillot, Huttenville, St. Basot, Janlay, Thiaucourt and Verrille.

AERIAL ASSISTANCE.

LONDON, Sept. 14. The Air Ministry reports:—

In conjunction with the American attack we, on the night of the 12th, heavily bombed the railways at Metz, Haguenau and Courcelles, with good results. We machine-gunned Metz station and searchlights and bombed Metzbalon and other railway junctions and transport on the 13th dropping 74 tons of bombs with good results. We destroyed one hostile machine. Two British machines are missing.

"THE HEEL OF ACHILLES."

It is believed in Paris that the success at St. Mihiel was much greater than disclosed in the bald official communiqués and that its results will greatly modify the war front.
The Americans, hitherto at the very heart and nerve centre of the German front. Simultaneously with the organization of the Hindenburg and other lines this salient has been crowded with fortifications. Field-Marshal Hindenburg recently inspected the region, thus proving that the Germans expected an attack on one of the essential pivots of their front.

The Americans are breaking into the web of railways, which are most important to the Germans for manœuvring and by threatening these strategic lines and the Eriy ironfield they are forcing the enemy to concentrate for the defence of what may prove his Achilles' heel, also opening the way for further and larger American attacks.

It is stated in Paris that the first French officer to enter the first town liberated by the Americans was M. Clemenceau's son. This town was stubbornly defended by two Divisions, few of whom were alive when the Americans entered.

ST. MIHIEL INTACT.

PARIS, Sept. 14. A semi-official message states that proof that the Germans did not intend to evacuate the St. Mihiel salient is that they did not follow the usual practice of removing the able-bodied population and destroying the towns. The Franco-American attack was as swift as they found St. Mihiel

intact and had the happiness of seeing the enthusiastic inhabitants run to welcome them.

The important towns of Verdun, Commercy, Toul and Nancy are no longer menaced and it will be surprising if the victory has not further important consequences.

GREAT ENTHUSIASM IN BRITAIN.

LONDON, Sept. 14. The great enthusiasm in Britain over the successes of the Americans at St. Mihiel is evidenced by the beflagging of Liverpool yesterday on the arrival of American troops. The streets were lined with cheering crowds.

The papers in London express unstinted admiration of the American victory which is described as one of the greatest Allied coups of the war, winning at a single blow the vantage ground held by the Germans for four years and proving that the tremendous force of the United States is beginning to tell earlier than anticipated. It is pointed out that nothing is more likely to open the eyes of the German nation to the overwhelming and decisive character of the new factor emerging in the war than the remarkable triumph almost instantly attained by a powerful American army directed by an American general.

"THE DEATH RATTLE OF DESPOTISM."

In this connection the papers are unanimous in describing von Payer's peace terms as evidence that Germany has already lost the illusion of a decisive victory, ridiculing the Kaiser's Easen speech which Mr. Gardiner in the *Daily News* describes as "the death rattle of despotism and a confession that Germany is beaten." Mr. Gardiner declares that peace on the lines of von Payer's proposals would be a crime. The papers are confident that the American victory at St. Mihiel will hasten the disappearance of the "illusion" in Germany that she can retain her Eastern conquests.

A PERFECT COMMUNICATION SYSTEM.

LONDON, Sept. 14. The Times Correspondent at American Headquarters states:—

The precision of the first day's operations at St. Mihiel was greatly helped by the perfect communication system which the Americans had evolved and were trying for the first time. The various Commands conversed by telephone as easily as business men talking in New York; the central exchanges are worked by picked women operators from New York, Boston, Chicago and Philadelphia.

THE BATTLE "ONLY BEGUN."

PARIS, Sept. 14. Leading military writers foreshadow an extension of the American attack. M. Bidot, in *Le Journal*, says the battle has only begun.

GERMANS SHELLING RHEIMS.

The Germans are heavily bombarding Rheims, concentrating against the Cathedral, the northern tower of which threatens to fall.

MAGNIFICENT DASH OF FRENCH AND AMERICANS.

PARIS, Sept. 14. Interviews with the French and American wounded show that they displayed magnificent dash. Some regiments assaulted singing the "Marseillaise" and with their flags flying. The principal German strongholds were carried with the bayonet. After a desperate struggle, an officer relates, a French detachment got into difficulties in a wood whereupon Americans, without waiting for orders, spontaneously dashed forward, surrounded the wood and killed all the enemy machine-guns at their posts.

BRITISH GAIN GROUND.

LONDON, Sept. 13. Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—

In the Verdun-Jeancourt sector, north-westward of St. Quentin, we gained ground in contact with the enemy's advanced detachments and took prisoners. South-westward of La Bassée progress continued despite machine-gun opposition. We took possession of Fosse Eight, de Bethune and the adjoining village, which is called "The Dump" and forms an important local feature giving wide observation of the surrounding country. Northwards of that place we hold the German trench-lines immediately westward of Anchy-lez-Basse and are pressing forward into the village. We took a few prisoners in the neighbourhood of Meullebeke Lake.

Aviation was interfered with by low clouds and heavy rain. The enemy is inactive. One British machine is missing. Night flying is impossible.

BRITISH MAINTAIN GAINS.

LONDON, Sept. 13. Reuters Correspondent at British Headquarters, telegraphing this evening, states:—

A battalion of the Forty-Sixth Infantry Regiment which gained the name of "Lions of Cambrai" broke during our advance recently across Santerre, and fled to Neale where it indulged in looting, after which remnants struggled away.

A captured map shows that the attack against our First Army front was being organized when Marshal Foch's stroke struck the enemy scheme. It is dated July 10. On the Cambrai front we are maintaining all our gains. Further north we have captured Fosse Eight, which figured in the early fighting around La Bassée. We are pushing through Anchy-lez-Basse, near which a look at a railway triangle three days ago.

ACTIVITY IN CAMBRAI AREA.

LONDON, Sept. 14. Reuters Correspondent at British Headquarters, telegraphing to-day, states:—

The enemy has been active in the Cambrai area. In his attack last evening east of Trescault under cover of a heavy barrage, a few Germans who gained a footing in our posts were easily dealt with. A bombing attack covered by flamethrowers, between Gommersbach Wood and the village, caused our troops to fall back to the support trench to escape the liquid fire. Our artillery then gave the enemy a bad time. We withdrew some advanced posts at La Vergier to give a clear field of fire to our gunners to deal with an infantry attack, which did not make headway.

BELGIANS REPULSE ATTACKS.

LONDON, Sept. 14. A Belgian communiqué says:—

At night time the enemy violently bombarded our advanced works east of Neuport and temporarily penetrated observation posts north-west of St. George's. After violent artillery firing the enemy re-occupied the lines of outposts we recently captured south-east of Draabank. We reconquered all the posts despite vigorous reactions, taking 50 prisoners.

GERMANY'S PEACE TERMS.

GERMAN PRESS COMMENTS.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 14. Commenting upon the speech of the Vice-Chancellor, von Payer, the *Frankfurter Zeitung* says it is a tacit introduction to the forthcoming inter-Party conferences.

The *Berliner Tageblatt* says it is the first time the Government has uttered an unmistakable domestic programme capable of clearing up the situation. The *Deutsche Tageszeitung* says the speech is bound to be a blow to Germany's stout-heartedness, especially the passages about peace and indemnities.

THE VIEWS OF HERR ERZBERGER.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 14. Herr Erzberger, interviewed by the press, spoke optimistically of an early peace. He dwelt on the converted views of a large section of the pro-war party. He cited the fact that the pawn theory recently enunciated in regard to Belgium is no longer a leading political thought, and asserted that the unreserved return of Belgium is the natural pre-requisite of peace.

He contended that Bolshevism will break out throughout the world if the war lasts much longer. He favoured the idea of a League of Nations and disarmament after the war.

GERMAN SOCIALISTS DEMAND PEACE DISCUSSIONS.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 14. The *Linische Westfälische Zeitung* states that the Independent Socialists introduced a motion at a meeting of the Berlin City Council regarding the initiation of peace discussions, owing "to the daily increasing distress among the Berlin population consequent upon malnutrition and the reduction of the people's entire standard of living and increasing criminality and death rate."

AFFAIRS IN RUSSIA.

SITUATION DESPERATE.

LONDON, Sept. 14. Reuters Agency learns from official quarters that the situation in Russia is desperate.

The Bolshevik Government is breaking up. It is now known that Lenin and Trotsky, prepared a month ago, for their escape to Switzerland, commandeering for the journey a considerable quantity of gold for their personal use.

Furthermore, the latest information from Germany shows that a great democratic peace campaign is being prepared for the delusion of the Allies.

A DISASTROUS EXPLOSION.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 14. A message from Kiev states that an explosion at Voronej destroyed six trains, the station, and other buildings. Over 350 persons were killed. Fifteen hundred persons have been arrested in connection with the affair.

THE TURKISH QUESTION.

NEAR EASTERN POLICY.

LONDON, Sept. 15. The *Daily Telegraph* referring to the presentation of addresses from the Armenian, Syrian and Zionist communities of Manchester to Mr. Lloyd George, says the cardinal issues of the situation in which Great Britain stands towards the sensational elements in the Near East and the Turkish question as a whole is one of the war. In insisting upon the accomplished facts in Palestine and Mesopotamia, and in proclaiming other objects of the Near Eastern policy, such as securing liberty and justice for the Armenian race, we are taking up an attitude from which it is morally impossible to depart. After speaking of the benefits which British rule has conferred upon Palestine and Mesopotamia, the *Daily Telegraph* declares that Germany's demand that these countries be returned beneath the rule of the Turk is a demand which no man of the Allied nations could tolerate.

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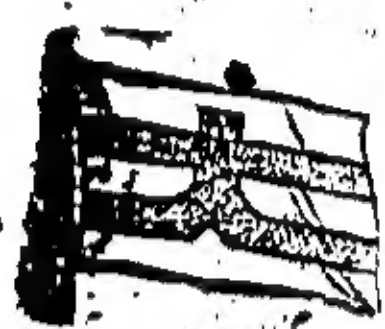
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